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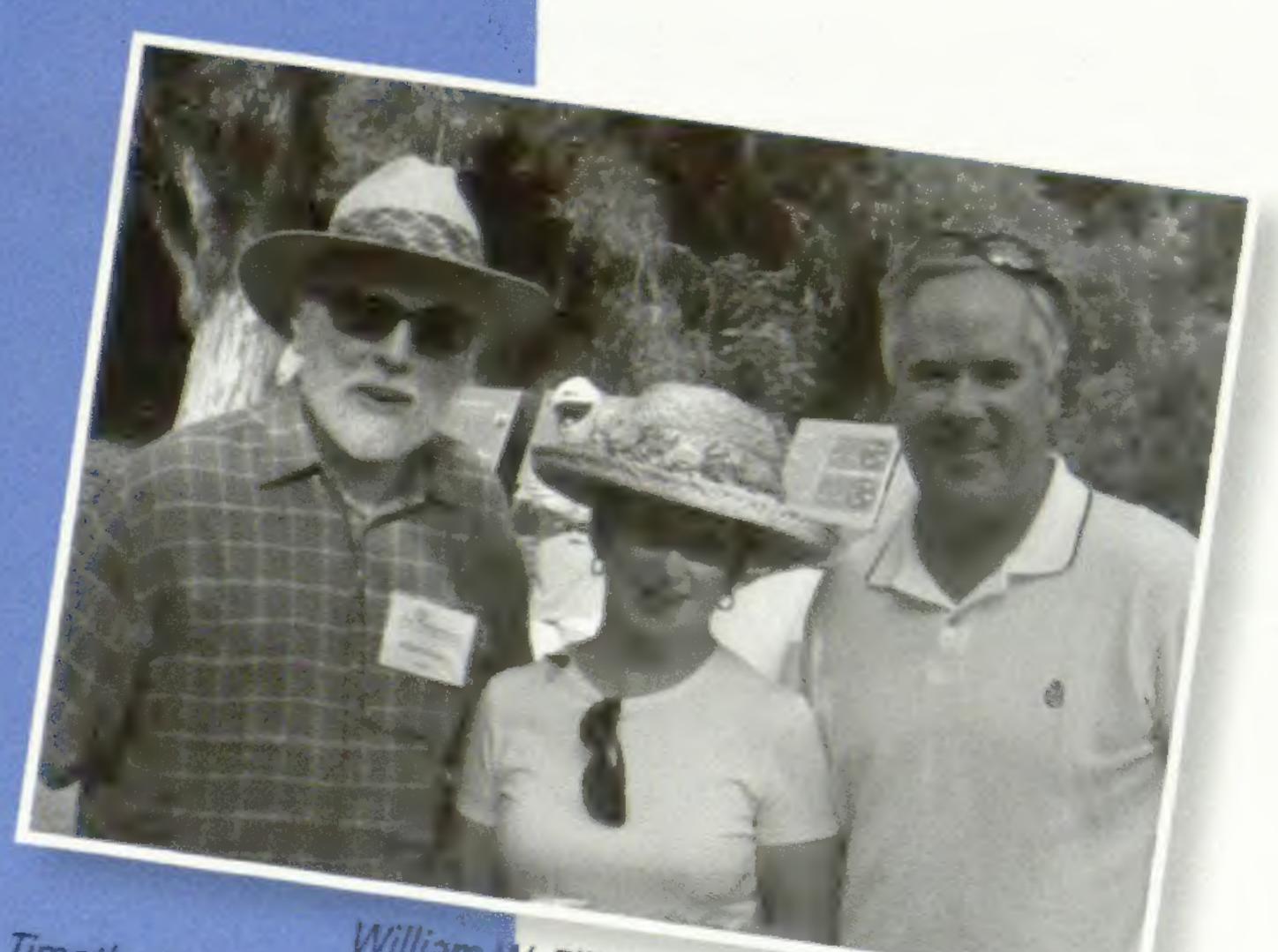
have been looking through the library with Susan Eubank our new Arboretum librarian. What a jewel it is! There are classic volumes and treasures that she has found and is putting aside for us to discover. The extent of material about the plants and ecology of the world is mind-boggling — at least to my mind. We subscribe to most of the major periodicals on plant science and even the squibs in the local press are up on the bulletin board for all of us to see. That's great to have, if you meant to save something and forgot.

Susan is not one to sit quietly. She has plans to renovate the whole area — and Lord knows some of it needs it — and to change the library from strictly reference to a member circulation program with public access to the stacks.

She plans close connections with all the other important libraries so all the information is shared. She will have programming that ties into programs and classes at The Arboretum. There will be a children's section and connections to school curricula. And, hopefully someday, all new open stacks that are light and comfortable to peruse.

Drop by the next time you visit and I think you will see all the more what The Arboretum means to our Southern California community.

G. Armold Mulder, M.D., President



Timothy K. McCarthy, Trustees at the Annual Members' Meeting

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DEAR ARBORETUM MEMBERS

Plants Are Giving

Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D., CEO

By their nature, plants are giving life forms. They gather the energy of the sun and through the process of photosynthesis convert that energy to sugars. These combine to form starch. And starch is useful to many other life forms as fuel for development and growth. But beyond the biochemistry, plants give us so much that we occasionally take them for granted.

That grain you eat at breakfast. The pickle slice at

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lunch. And yes, even the chicken or beef at dinner were all plants or fed on plants. This, our children should not forget.

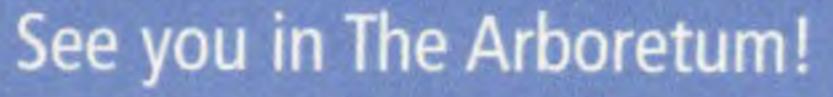
Perhaps the best gift plants afford us is that they share the planet with us. Plants feed us, cleanse the air, shelter us and give us wonder.

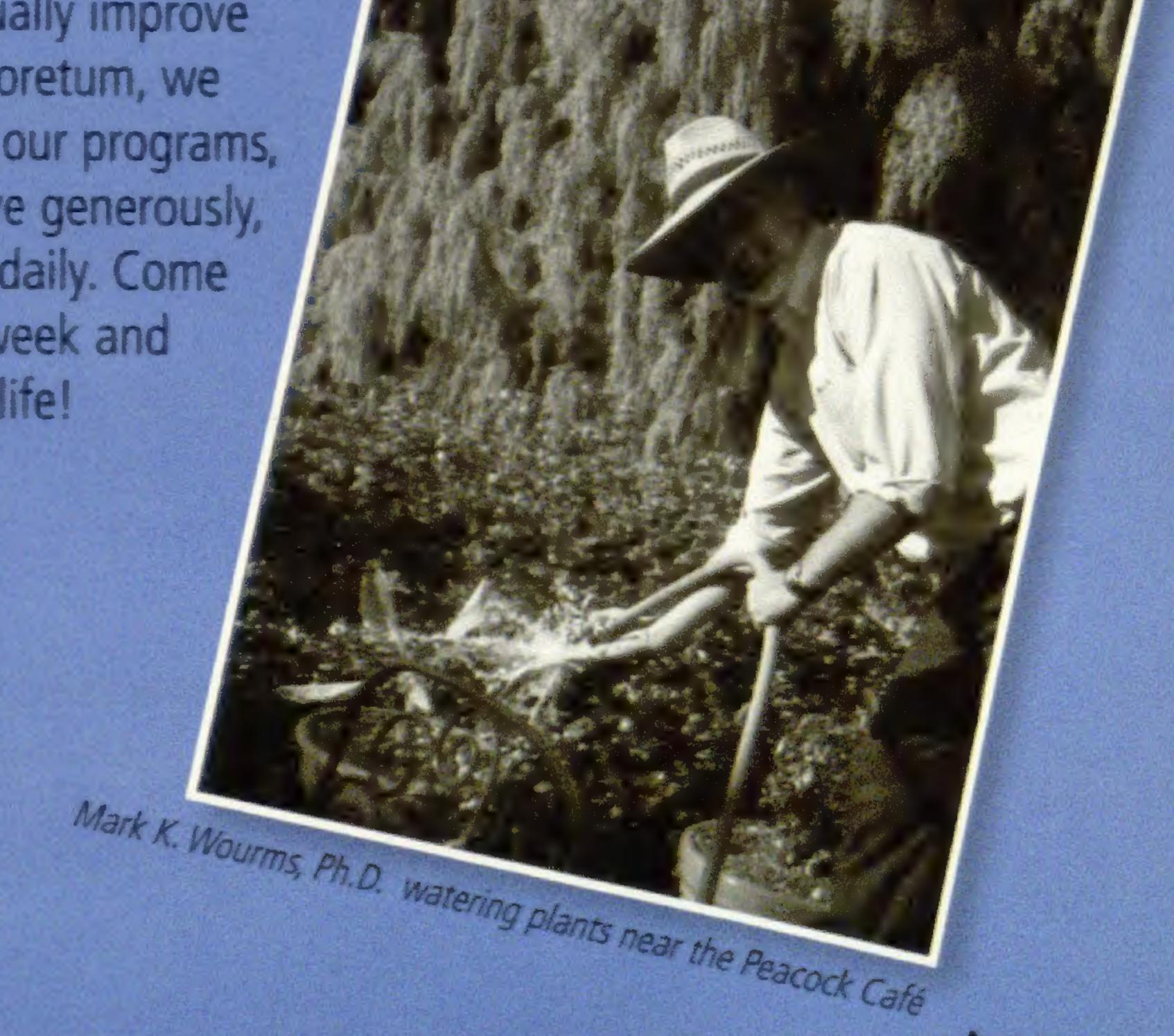
Look around. Every day something new has happened to the plants in your yard, on your street and around town. They have grown, changed, thrown a new leaf, dropped a leaf, opened a flower, leaned a little or changed color

oh so slightly. When one notices these subtle changes, the world is filled with wonder. Let me give you one example: the rains are coming soon. For some plants this may be the first water in months. What awesome resilience! And with the When one notices these subtle changes, the world is filled with wonder.

rains come some big changes. So look at a single tree, shrub or herbaceous plant once a day for the next three weeks. What changes do you see?

The Arboretum brings you the gift of thousands of plants, each changing daily. Every plant provides an opportunity to learn and find wonder. To continually improve this garden we call The Arboretum, we ask for your gift to support our programs, operations and mission. Give generously, for plants give back to you daily. Come out to The Arboretum this week and add a little wonder to your life!







PLANTS & PEOPLE

Agave, A Truly Giving Plant

Jim Bauml, Ph.D., Senior Biologist

are found in mostly arid areas from Utah and Nevada, through Mexico, and south to Panama and in the Caribbean. Agaves take the form of a "rosette" or spiraling mound of leaves, mostly leathery and tipped and edged with thorns. The botanical name "agave" comes from the Greek agauos, admirable, presumably deriving from the impressive sight of a plant in bloom. The common name "Century plant" is something of a misnomer, as agaves typically mature in fewer than 10 years. The Spanish name "maguey" is traced to the Antilles where the Spanish encountered their first agaves.

Agaves are "monocarpic" that is, the plant dies after blooming. And it's no wonder considering the energy the plant musters to produce large and often branched flowering stalks. Before dying, most agaves make offsets around the mother plant. In addition, some agaves produce "viviparous plantlets" on the flowering stalk; these drop and root, identical to the parent plant.

Perhaps the single most important use for agaves over human history is as sustenance in lands of limited rainfall. Baking pits throughout arid lands in what is now the US and Mexico attest to the importance of agaves as food. Researchers have even found evidence of prehistoric agave cultivation on terraced hillsides. Agave stems, called "cabezas" (heads), or

"piñas" referring to their superficial resemblance to a pineapple, store carbohydrates and are especially replete before generating a flowering stem. In times of scarcity, agaves could be removed from the ground, the leaves cut, and the stems baked. The resulting product is sweet with a soft edible core reminiscent of smoky sweet potato; the leaf bases are sweet and juicy too, but fibrous.

The sweet juice from such baked hearts can be expressed, then fermented, and finally distilled to make mescal, the most famous of which is tequila from the 'Azul' or blue maguey produced in the Mexican state of Jalisco, home to the village of Tequila. Or it can be extracted and then boiled down to a thick sweet syrup, now appearing in the US health foods markets. Other larger agaves in central Mexico are the source of pulque a traditional Mexican fermented beverage with pre-Columbian roots. Removing the central bud creates a hollow that refills for many months

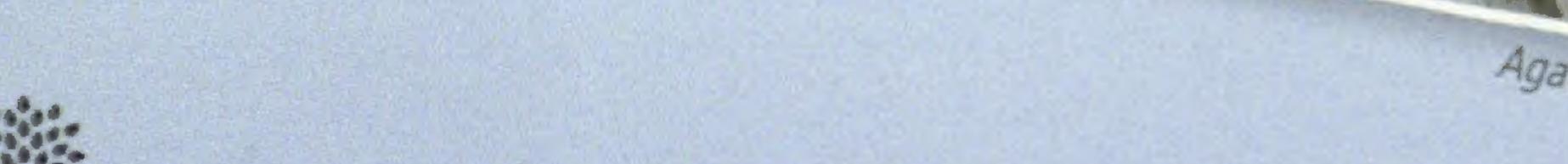
with a sweet liquid called "aguamiel" or honey-water that is removed daily. Aguamiel ferments into a milky-colored nutritious beverage that quickly passes on to a stronger and more viscous drink. The Aztecs personified these divine agaves by the goddess Mayahuel, who had 400 breasts which oozed pulque.

Agaves provide a ready source of useful fibers. The best-known agave fibers are henequen (from A. fourcroydes) and sisal (from A.

A Agave fourcroydes

sisalana) that supply about 90% of the world's long, hard fibers for twine, rope and bags. Some agaves provide soapy compounds called saponins. The tall flowering shoots can be turned into construction materials, fishing poles, or even spray-painted and used as "Christmas trees." Dried leaf bases have been used as fuel, and the leaves can be used as roofing shingles.

Agaves also contribute to the beauty of Southern California landscapes. The Arboretum is host to 27 different forms. They can be found in the planter on the steps up to the entrance rotunda, in the Sunset Garden, in the Water Conservation Garden, the Adobe, and in the Southwestern Collection across from the Rose Garden. There are two variations of the tequila agave, the regular blue form ('Azul') and the attractive variegated type ('Limeno') with golden edges. Beautiful to look at, and friends in time of need, agaves are truly giving plants. Come explore and experience them at The Arboretum in their many shapes, sizes and colors.



PLANT AHEAD

FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of the month. Bring your blanket and your basket full of treats, and enjoy a spectacular lunch with your family and friends. Please remember to be gentle with nature.

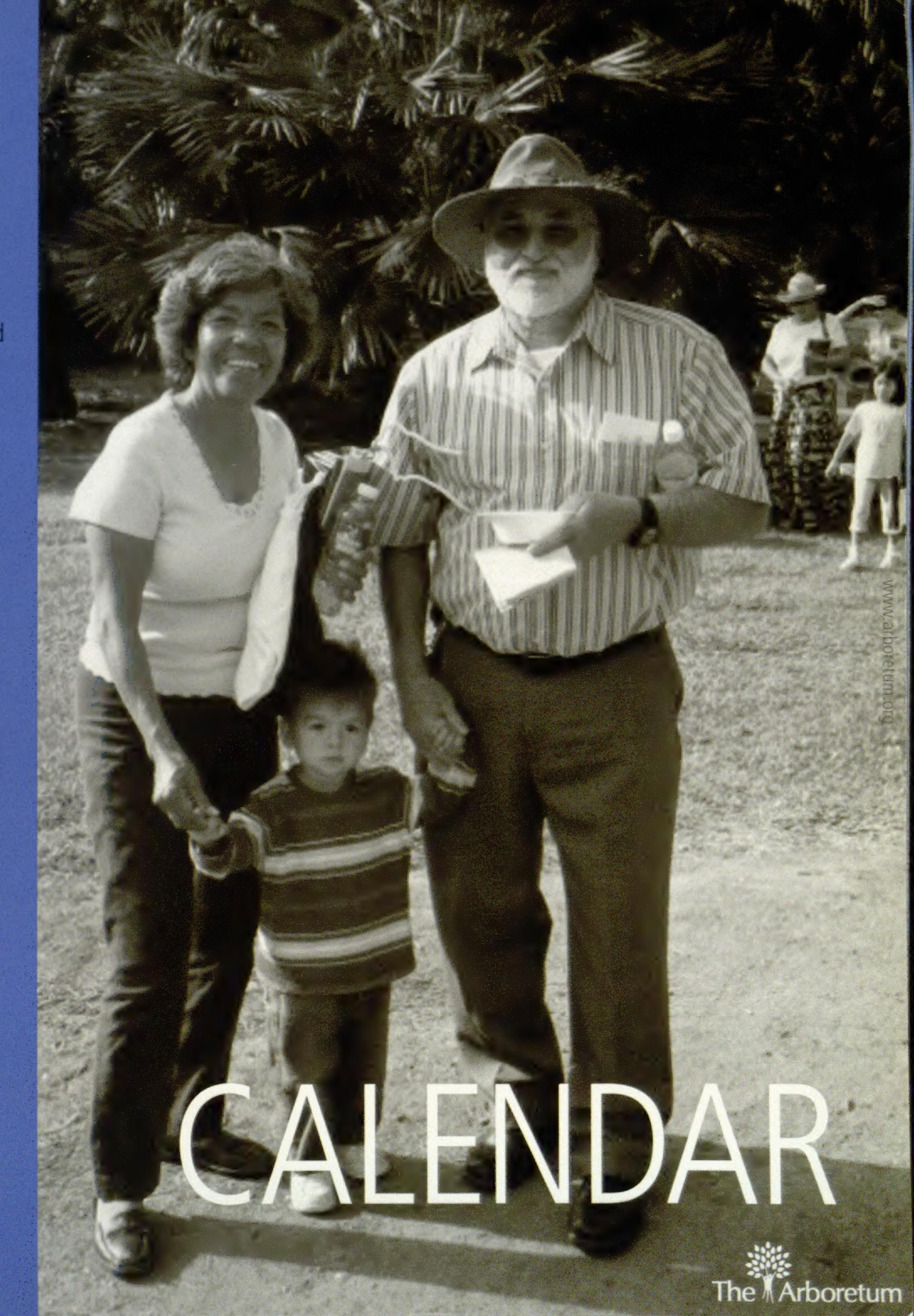
WREATH WORKSHOP Wed. December 14; 10am - Noon Learn to make a wreath the old -fashioned way! Using fresh greens from The Arboretum grounds, make a wreath to welcome in the holidays. All materials will be provided. Please bring your own gardening gloves, clippers and wire cutters and any decorations you may wish to add to your creation!. This very special class is a tradition at The Arboretum, and the instructors graciously and generously donate all proceeds to the The Arboretum. Cost: \$20 members/\$25 non-members (all materials included). For Registration and more information call: 626.821.4623 or e-mail jill.berry@arboretum.org.

QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE OPEN HOUSE Sun. December 11; 10am-4pm Stroll down memory lane and view treasures and furnishings normally seen only through the windows of the charming Victorian-era cottage. Viewing the ornate dwelling in its Christmas finery has become a southland tradition for visitors from near and far. Experienced docents will provide fascinating information about the history of the Queen Anne Cottage. Following a tour of the Queen Anne Cottage, don't miss a visit to The Arboretum's historic Santa Anita Depot, reminiscent of the days when railroads ruled the land. Free with admission.

MAKE A DATE

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR Sat. & Sun. January 14 & 15 9am-4:30pm
The Coach Ken Carter Foundation and The Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation team up to bring students and parents the first annual College & Career Day. Meet and visit with colleges and organizations to preview education and career opportunites. Information on scholarships, workshops and celebrities will be on-hand to meet and greet. Photography and autograph opportunities will also be available. Free with admission.

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR TOAST/ROAST FUNDRAISER Sat. & Sun January 14 & 15 4:30-11pm. A dinner with the stars \$150/person. For more information call (310) 339-5515





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KIDS IN NATURE

Bookworms

Lisa Beach, Youth Program Manager

Fall is the perfect time of year to cuddle up with a good book. You can carry on this tradition as a family here at The Arboretum by bringing a storybook along with you on your visit. We have many great little hideaways you can choose for your very own storytime adventure.

Also, starting in January, you can become an Arboretum Bookworm! Enjoy storytelling at The Arboretum! This free program starts on Sunday, January 15, 2006.

Come explore The Arboretum, our Library and the great story trees! Enjoy plant & nature tales and a make & take craft. Fill your Bookworm passport with storytime visits!



Standing at the future site of the Australian Children's Discovery Node

Dates: 3rd Sunday of the month

Time: 2-3pm

FREE with Arboretum Admission

Age Group: Kids -- appropriate ages 3-8

Comments: Indoor/ Outdoor Program. This program will go rain or shine;

participants must dress appropriately.

Meet your guide at The Arboretum Main Entrance.

This month's featured book for January 2006 is: "Where the Forest Meets the Sea" by Jeannie Baker

Plants & People

A lecture series made possible by support from the J.W. and Ida M. Jameson Foundation

Monday, November 21

"A Passion for Place: Gardens Inspired by their Settings" with Page Dickey

Talk, Slide Show and Book Signing Reception to follow

\$10 members/\$15 non-members

*Reservations are necessary

Call 626.821.4623 for reservations or email jill.berry@arboretum.org

CONNECT

Our Gift To You

During the month of December, purchase a gift membership for a new member and receive a free gardening tool. Arboretum gift memberships are the perfect holiday gift for friends, family and business associates. Come by the membership office or call Ivonne Escobedo at 626.821.3233. Supplies limited to the first 200 customers.



Member only Discount

Member Only Discount December 3-10
Receive an additional 10% off your purchases at the Garden & Gift Shop.



MEET AND GREET

Welcome Librarian Susan Eubank

n mid-September, Susan Eubank joined The Arboretum as the Librarian. Susan comes to The Arboretum from the Grand Canyon National Park Library and has a wealth of experience not only in library science, but also in public service, working with volunteers, and in management. Susan also has a background with botanic gardens, having served as a librarian at the Denver Botanic Gardens and the Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens in San

Francisco.

Susan is extremely enthusiastic and recently stated, "I am very happy to join the team at The Arboretum. My dreams for the Library

are that we grow it

into a vibrant and lively 'community center'

where everyone can enjoy learning about all aspects of plants and gardens. Come visit the Library and tell me your dreams for it.

Susan holds a Masters of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from California State University, Long Beach.

We can look forward to a library secondto-none -- a welcoming library chock-full of information, excellent service, and abundant resources. The next time you are visiting the gardens, please stop by and say hi to Susan Eubank!

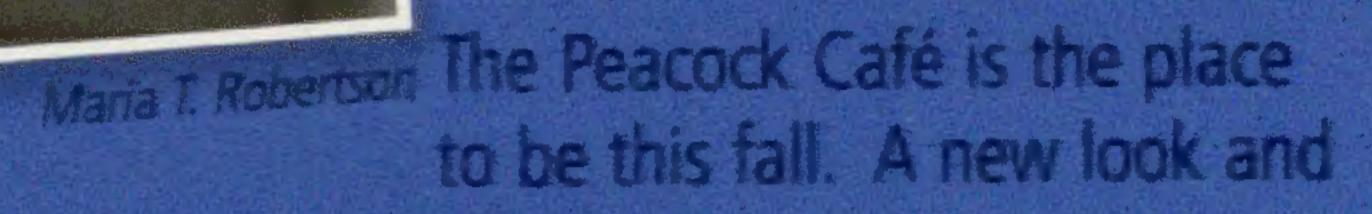
Welcome Maria T. Robertson

\ \ \ \ \ \ hen the newly renovated Peacock W Café opens its doors in December, Maria T. Robertson Catering will open its arms with friendly service and tempting fare. "We are hoping to create a friendly and comfortable environment at the Peacock Café that will encourage the patrons, members, volunteers, and workers to stop by frequently."

Maria Robertson has over 15 years of experience in catering corporate and private parties; weddings; receptions; benefits; and special events. Maria's clients can be found as far south as Orange County and as far north as Santa Barbara and range from executives, to newlyweds, to schools, to church groups, to museums such as the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Maria's motto is that "fresh ingredients and simple foods will always make people happy." Maria's menu will include organic ingredients,

> and the natural surroundings at The Arboretum will inspire recipes and entries. Regularly served luncheon items such as a tasty turkey sandwich, chicken salads with a twist, and a variety of vegetarian selections are sure to be big hits.



a new taste -- scrumptious!

GRAPEVINE

Halloween Family Festival

hank you Team Halloween: On Saturday, October 29, Los Voluntarios, the Education Department, and the junior volunteers outdid themselves! Months and months of planning resulted in an Arboretum event long to be remembered and soon to become a tradition. The Arboretum was decked with Halloween regalia; pumpkins, ghosts, scarecrows, friendly staff and volunteers beckoned the numerous families that attended this event.

Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social

he Australian Section proved to be a delightful new backdrop for the Annual Meeting and Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon, September 18. The meeting was enjoyed by approximately 200 adults and 50 children. There was ice cream galore, kids had fun

with activities tailored just for them--aided by our junior volunteers, and lots of information about a successful year and plans for the future was shared.

Special Members Meeting

A / e thank all the members who came to the special members' meeting on Monday evening, August 15. The thoughtful questions about the Peacock Café were appreciated. We thank the members who came out to the special members' meeting on August 15. The thoughtful questions about the Peacock Cafe were appreciated and show how much our members care about The Arboretum. It also gave us all an opportunity to respond and learn from your concerns. Together we are moving forward!



DISCOVERY TRAILS

Opposites Attract, but Giving is the Common Ground

Jennifer Williams, Author of The Coach Ken Carter Story

If you asked the average person what sweating, hardwood, and basketball have in common with open 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The fair will green spaces, flowering plants, and tranquil waterfalls feature information booths from various colleges and and lakes, they would probably say nothing at all. Many people would definitely agree with that answer, but not anyone who visited The Arboretum, on Wednesday, August 24, 2005. Their response would be a resounding cheer that all these things fit together like the ball through the hoop.

The real-life Coach Ken Carter and the Coach Ken Carter Foundation joined with The Arboretum's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mark K. Wourms, and The Arboretum, to welcome over 50 inner-city students from Plaza de la Raza School of the Performing Arts, Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Programs at Valleydale and Pamela Parks, to tour The Arboretum.

Coach Carter believes that we have a responsibility to our youth to share with them all avenues and possibilities in life through exposure to people, places and things that are not readily in their path.

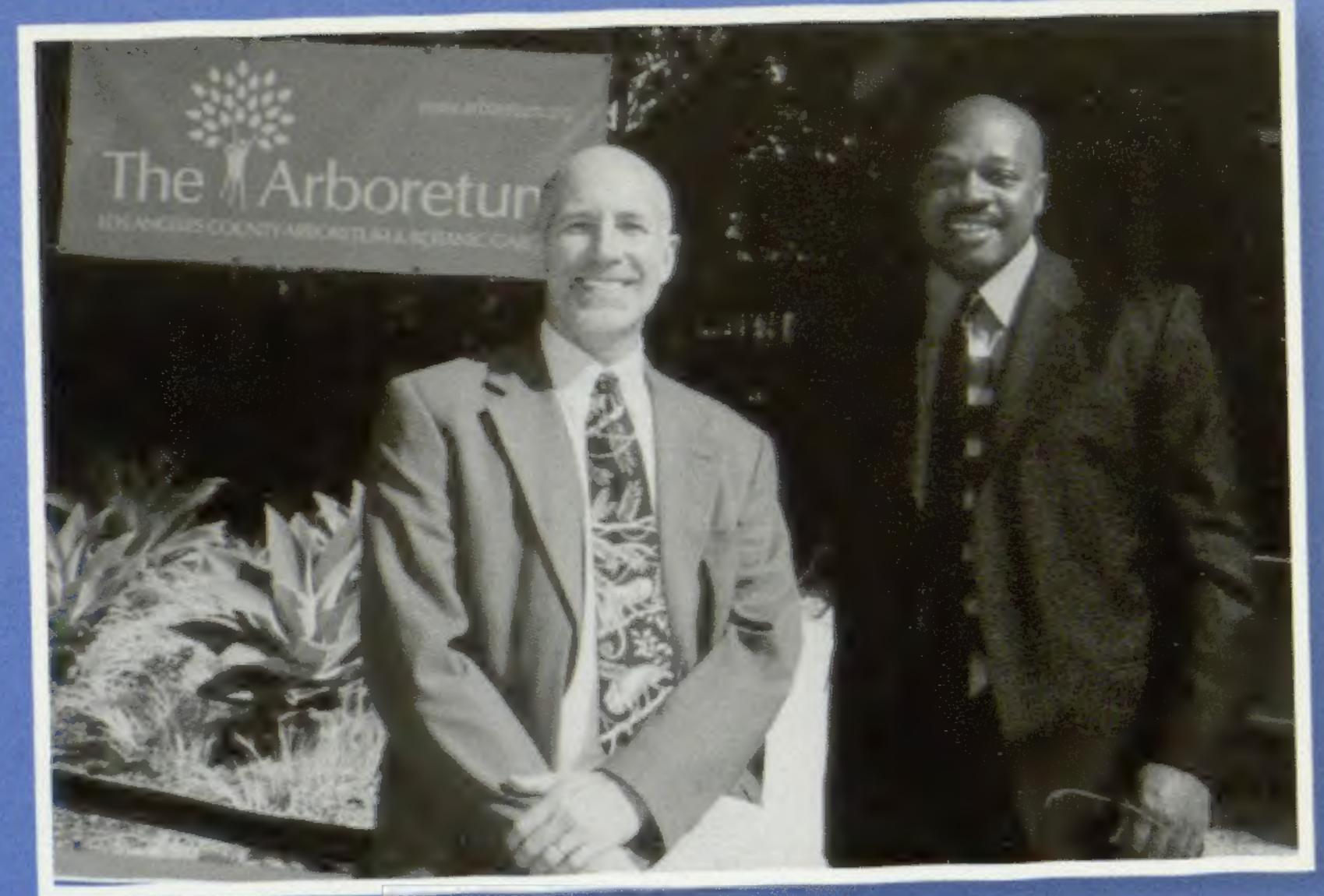
"It is our responsibility to plant seeds, give rich fertile soil, cultivate their minds, generously water with our time, transformed and serve as host for a \$150 - per plate/ and watch them grow! The leaders of our future (the youth of today) will be our great harvest," Coach Carter stated. And what better way to stress this point than in a living, growing and giving garden.

Coach Carter and the Coach Ken Carter Foundation plan to keep on giving, utilizing the many resources of The Arboretum. Coach Carter's visit also served another purpose: to begin the planning of the 1st Annual College, Career, and Scholarship Fair. The College and Career Fair is set for Martin Luther King weekend,

Saturday, January 14, 2006 through Sunday, January universities providing admissions and financial aid information, special workshops to assist students and parents to prepare for college, and career seminars featuring landscape architects, landscape designers, horticulturalists, arborists, as well as many other professions of interest. The career segment will include a cross-section of employers and recruiting officers from corporations such as Northrop, Bank of America, Kaiser and, of course, Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources, with a special booth for Department of Parks & Recreation.

A special added feature for the College and Career Fair will be celebrity guests, including a few NBA stars to greet the students as they attend the event. And, of course, the real-life Coach Carter will be signing his new autobiography as well. We expect to attract over 20,000 students, parents, and teachers over the entire weekend from throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

Immediately following the fair, The Arboretum will be \$1,500 per table star-studded fundraiser dinner. The evening events will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a Celebrity/ VIP Reception while enjoying a stroll through the Sunset Garden, followed with a special twilight tour of The Arboretum. Then at 6:30 p.m. the festivities begin. We will light up the night Hollywood style: Red Carpet, paparazzi and all. More VIP/Celebrity guests will arrive and walk the red carpet to Ayres Hall for dinner and a special screening of Paramount Pictures and MTV Films' "Coach Carter," starring Oscar-nominated actor Samuel L. Jackson on Saturday night.

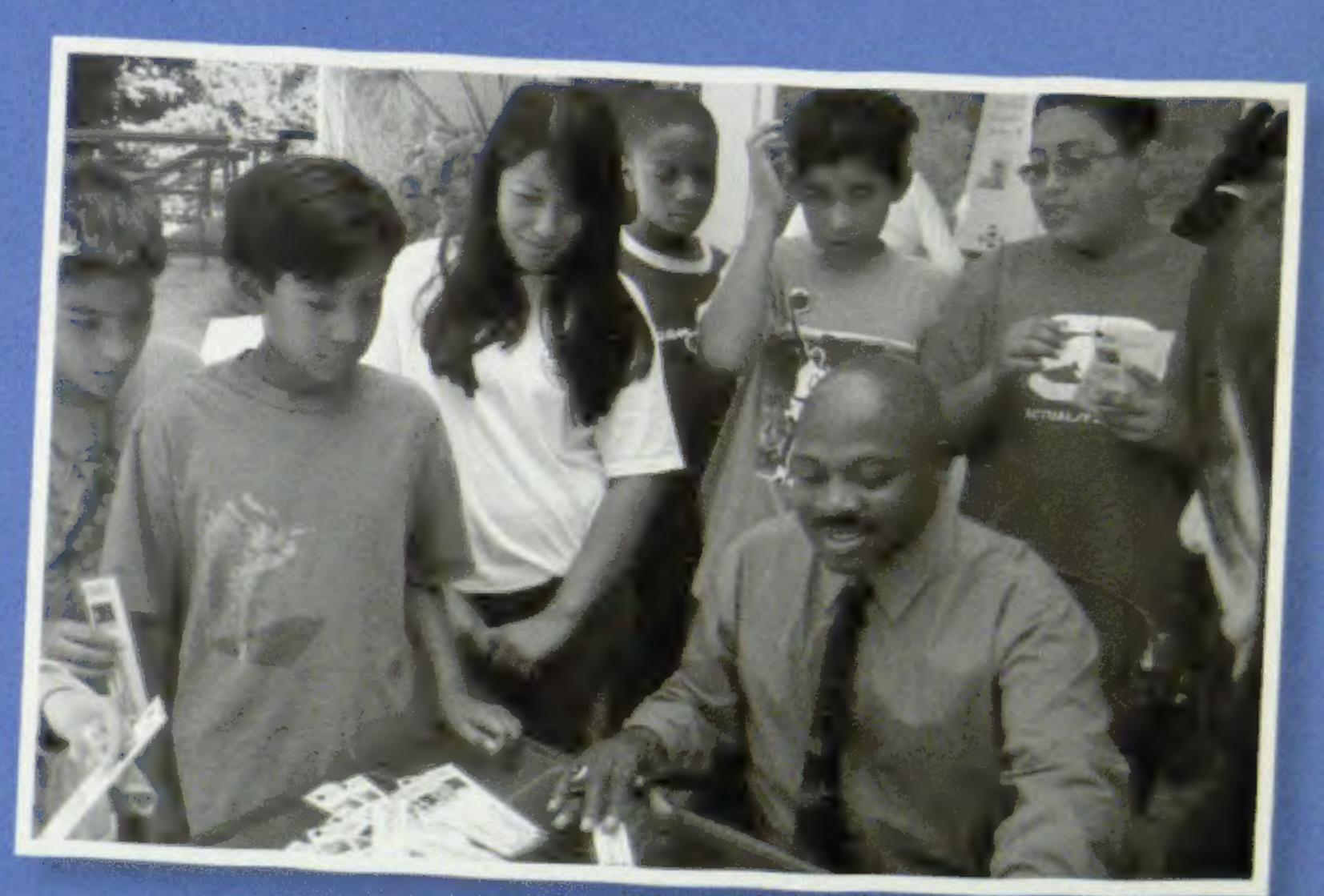


Dr. Mark K. Worms and Coach Carter at The Arboretum

On Sunday evening it starts all over again, only this time The Arboretum will host a Celebrity Toast/Roast honoring the film's producers Mike Tollins and Brian Robbins of Tollin/Robbins Productions. This will be a weekend event you won't want to miss!

For information on how to be a part of this weekend of fun and giving to our young people as a sponsor/donor or exhibitor and to reserve your table at the Saturday or Sunday night celebration, please contact Jennifer Williams via email at jennifer.williams@arboretum.org or telephone (626) 821-3250. For additional information on Coach Ken Carter and the Coach Ken Carter Foundation, visit www.coachcarter.com or telephone (510) 234-1518.

Remember the "common ground" is The Arboretum! See you here!



Contributer signs autographs after The Arboretum tour



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Giving From the Heart

As the holidays come upon us, we remember those we love and keep close to our hearts—family, friends, and those who are no longer with us. We also graciously ask that you keep us in your thoughts during the 2005 Annual Giving Campaign. Your gift is vital in making The Arboretum thrive and continue to grow. The Arboretum gives over 250,000 visitors a year a bouquet of experiences and the perfect gift of nature.

This year has been one of great accomplishments—thanks to generous supporters like you. Make your gift today and include a note telling us what the garden gives to you. A selection of these notes will be published in the next edition of The Arboretum Members' Magazine. Many thanks to those who have already made a generous gift to the 2005 Annual Giving Campaign.





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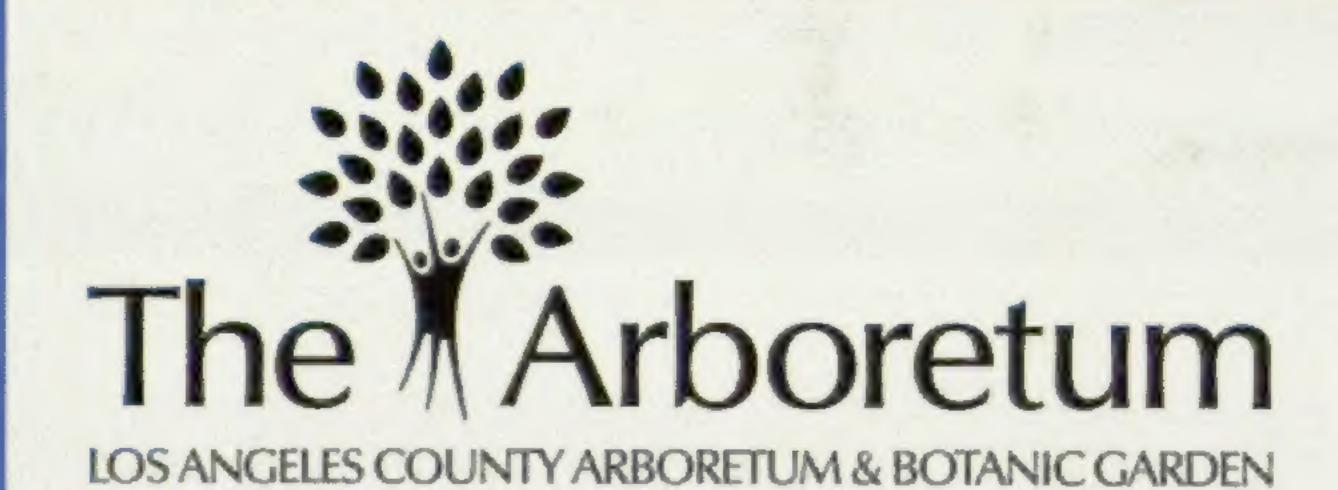
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